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SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER 19 "ISLAMIC JIHAD FOR THE LIBERATION
OF PALESTINE" COMMUNIQUE

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1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF HAND-WRITTEN COMMUNIQUE (ARABIC) DELIVERED THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 18 TO BEIRUT DAILY NEWSPAPER "AN-NAHAR" AND PUBLISHED IN THE PAPER'S SEPTEMBER 19 EDITION. COMMUNIQUE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A COLOR POLAROID PHOTOGRAPH OF BEIRUT UNIVERSITY COLLEGE (BUC) HOSTAGES ALAN STEEN, JESSE TURNER, ROBERT POLHILL AND MITHILESHWAR SINGH SEATED TOGETHER. EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED COPIES OF THE COMMUNIQUE AND PHOTO AND WILL POUCH TO DEPARTMENT. (NOTE: REFTEL IS TEXT OF SEPTEMBER 16 COMMUNIQUE FROM SAME GROUP. END NOTE.)

2. BEGIN TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE:

ATTENTION|

PURSUANT TO THE POSITIVE INITIATIVE PROPOSED TO SOLVE THE ISSUE OF THE HOSTAGES AND THE SUBSEQUENT RESPONSES OF THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION, THE ISLAMIC JIHAD FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCES THE FOLLOWING:

FIRST - THERE WILL BE NO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION. THE MOVEMENT TOWARDS ENDING THE HOSTAGE ISSUE IS NOT AN INVITATION FOR NEGOTIATIONS. RATHER, IT COMES IN THE CONTEXT OF THE MORAL AND HUMAN VALUES THAT WE BELIEVE IN. THE DAY WILL NEVER COME THAT WE NEGOTIATE WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF KILLING AND CRIME. FOLLOWING A CAREFUL, ATTENTIVE AND RESPONSIBLE STUDY OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF POLITICAL DETENTE IN THE REGION, HOWEVER, WE FOUND IT NECESSARY TO MOVE THIS DEVELOPMENT FORWARD WITH A POSITIVE INITIATIVE REGARDING THE HOSTAGE ISSUE, WHICH CONSTITUTES BOTH A PROBLEM AND A SOLUTION IN THE CONTEXT OF REGIONAL EVENTS.

THIS IS A CHANCE FOR THE LEADING PERSONALITIES OF THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION TO CONSIDER AND THINK RESPONSIBLY OF THE PRESENT AND FUTURE OF THIS ISSUE, FOR THIS IS A CHANCE THAT MAY NEVER COME AGAIN. ALL WE ASK IN RETURN IS WHAT IS STIPULATED BY THE HUMAN RIGHTS PACT (SIC) REGARDING THE INTIFADA OF OUR HEROIC PALESTINIAN PEOPLE ON THE ONE HAND, AND WHAT IS REQUIRED BY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SUPPORTING THE DETENTE WHICH HAS BEGUN IN THE REGION, ON THE OTHER.

SECOND - THE JUST CAUSE OF OUR PEOPLE IS PART OF A GREATER WHOLE; THE SUPPORT OF LEGAL RIGHTS IS PART OF A GREATER WHOLE, AND THE ISSUE OF THE USE OF POWER AND VIOLENCE OR INITIATIVES OF PEACE AND STABILITY ARE ALSO FUNDAMENTAL. THIS IS THE BASIS OF WHAT IS ACHIEVED THROUGH OUR IDEOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES. WEAKNESS WAS NEVER AN INCENTIVE FOR CHANGING OUR COURSE AND POWER HAS NEVER

FORCED ANY CHANGES. WHAT IS NECESSITATED BY OUR PRINCIPLES AND FUNDAMENTALS IS WHAT WILL BE. WE ARE ALWAYS PREPARED FOR VIOLENCE AND FOR CALM AND PEACEFUL ATTITUDES. THIS IS A TIME OF POSITIVE RESPONSES. DO NOT WASTE THIS OPPORTUNITY THROUGH HAUGHTY WORDS THAT PROVOKE US AND ENCOURAGE US TO DRAW BACK AND RESORT TO VIOLENCE AND FORCE TO GAIN RECOGNITION. THIS ISSUE MUST BE SOLVED POSITIVELY AND THE ADMINISTRATION MUST ASSUME ITS RESPONSIBILITIES.

THIRD - WE ARE ASTONISHED AT THE RIDICULOUS DEALS MADE BY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE DUKAKIS IN ANNOUNCING THE TRANSFER OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY TO JERUSALEM IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE SUPPORT OF ZIONIST PRESSURE GROUPS IN THE ELECTIONS. HE HAS BLATANTLY DEFIED THE FEELINGS OF OUR HEROIC PEOPLE AND THE MOSLEMS OF THE WORLD. THIS FOREBODES A DARK FUTURE. WE DECLARE, HOWEVER, THAT JERUSALEM IS AN EVER-BURNING VOLCANO IN WHICH THE AMERICAN EMBASSY WILL MELT. UNTIL THEN, WE HAVE VARIOUS POSITIONS. WE ARE CERTAIN THAT THIS VIEW OF HIS (DUKAKIS) DOES NOT REPRESENT THE VIEWS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THAT IS WHY IT WILL HAVE NO EFFECT ON THE HOSTAGE ISSUE, OVER WHICH ALL THE SUITABLE CONDITIONS FOR A SOLUTION ARE GATHERED.

FINALLY, THE INITIATIVE IS STILL THERE AND EXISTS. WE ARE WAITING FOR RESPONSES, IN THE LIGHT OF WHICH WE WILL DECIDE SUBSEQUENT STEPS, ON THE BASIS OF WHAT IS REQUIRED BY OUR GLORIOUS INTIFADA.

PEACE BE UPON HE WHO SERVES THE TRUTH FOR THE TRUTH.

(SIGNED) ISLAMIC JIHAD FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE ORGANIZATION.

END TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE.

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